

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1767 - HB 1862

April 21, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the position of domestic relations magistrate in any county whose county legislative body adopts a resolution to do so by a two-thirds majority vote and provides that:

- such persons shall be deemed state employees under the supervision of the Administrative Office of the Courts and sets out the duties of the magistrate.
- the position shall be funded by adding an additional \$50.00 filing fee to domestic relations cases.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact - To the extent a local government decides to create a domestic relations magistrate, there is estimated to be an increase in state expenditures exceeding \$100,000 and an increase in state revenues exceeding \$100,000.

Estimate assumes:

- The costs for one magistrate and one secretary are estimated to be \$114,000.
- The magistrate and support positions would be state employees as required by the bill.
- All revenue generated by the fee increase would be state revenue.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director